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(c) whether there is any proposal to convert the said land into house-sites and auction them; and

(d) whether the Collector of Bellary has sold any or all portions of the land as house-sites?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) A portion of the land comprising the Blake Choultry Inam forms part of the Satyanarayanapet Town-Planning Scheme, Bellary.

" (b) No. The Bellary Municipality is reported to have applied to the Collector for alienation of the land.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Hon. the Minister state, Sir, whether a land already included in the Town-Planning Scheme can be alienated in favour of the Municipality or private party? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Municipality will have the priority."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" If alienation is made will the Government impose any conditions to see that it is used for house sites only?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

Government Royapettah Hospital, Madras.

* 157 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what the number of beds provided in the Government Royapettah Hospital, Madras, is;

(b) whether there have been complaints that neither the accommodation provided nor the number of beds is sufficient;

(c) what provision exists for X-ray treatment;

(d) whether the X-ray apparatus of the hospital was temporarily removed and if so, when it is proposed to be restored;

(e) whether the patients needing X-ray treatment have to be sent every day to the General Hospital;

(f) whether the staff employed, both honorary and paid, is qualified to deal with all cases both surgical and medical including those requiring X-ray treatment; and

(g) whether the hospital is provided with sufficient number of House Surgeons and House Physicians?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The hospital has 150 beds.

" (b) In 1945, the Surgeon-General reported that the growing needs of the hospital necessitated an increase in its bed strength and he has been asked to submit definite proposals in the matter, in due course.

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" (*c*) No provision exists for X-ray treatment in the hospital.

" (*d*) The X-ray apparatus was removed in 1931 as a measure of retrenchment. Government do not propose to reinstal it in the hospital as the patients can be easily taken to the Government General Hospital, Madras.

" (*e*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*f*) The present staff is qualified to deal with Surgical and Medical cases but not cases requiring X-ray treatment as there is no X-ray Department in the hospital.

" (*g*) Seven House Surgeons have been sanctioned for the hospital and the number is considered sufficient."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what is the meaning of " in due course " in the answer (*b*)? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The number of bed strength in the Tambaram Sanatorium is proposed to be raised, Sir, and it is proposed to shift the Royapettah Tuberculosis Hospital to that place."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will that mean that the Government are going to hand over present Tuberculosis Hospital at Royapettah to the Royapettah Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. There is such a proposal."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know Sir how many Muslim House Surgeons are there? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot give that information at present."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the growing strength of the hospital, Sir, and in view of the fact that there was an X-ray apparatus already in 1931 and it was removed, will the Government consider the desirability of installing an X-ray apparatus again in the Royapettah Hospital? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—"I think he has already given the answer."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the distance between the Royapettah Hospital and the General Hospital and since patients have to be taken in vans for X-ray treatment even though they are in a bad condition, will the Government consider the desirability of restoring the X-ray apparatus to the Royapettah Hospital? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I agree, Sir, that it is necessary to provide X-ray apparatus in all important hospitals. The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered."